

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 99

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should call upon Hezbollah to allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit four abducted Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2001

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FROST, Mr. FRANK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HOLT, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. STARK, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. GRUCCI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on October 7, 2000, Hezbollah units, in clear violation of international law, crossed the Lebanese border into Israel and kidnapped three Israeli soldiers, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, and Omar Souad;

Whereas on October 15, 2000, Hezbollah announced that it had abducted a fourth Israeli, Elchanan Tannenbaum;

Whereas these captives are being held by Hezbollah in Lebanon;

Whereas the 1999 Department of State report on foreign terrorist organizations stated that Hezbollah receives substantial amounts of financial assistance, training, weapons, explosives, and political, diplomatic, and organizational assistance from Iran and Syria;

Whereas Syria voted in favor of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the United Nations General Assembly;

Whereas Lebanon voted in favor of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the United Nations General Assembly;

Whereas Iran voted in favor of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the United Nations General Assembly;

Whereas the International Committee of the Red Cross has made numerous attempts to gain access to assess the condition of these prisoners; and

Whereas the International Committee of the Red Cross has been denied access to these prisoners: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should call
- 3 upon Hezbollah to allow representatives of the Inter-

1 national Committee of the Red Cross to visit four ab-
2 ducted Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar
3 Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by
4 Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

